

Tuesday, February 21, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Wednesday, February 22, 1995, at 10:30 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Sixteen public bills, H.R. 993–1008, and one private bill, H.R. 1009, were introduced. Pages H1967–68

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 421, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for the purchase of common stock of Cook Inlet Region, amended (H. Rept. 104–40);

H.R. 622, to implement the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (H. Rept. 104–41);

H.R. 715, to amend the Central Bering Sea Fisheries Enforcement Act of 1992 to prohibit fishing in the Central Sea of Okhotsk by vessels and nationals of the United States (H. Rept. 104–42);

H. Res. 91, providing for the consideration of H.R. 830, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to further the goals of the Paperwork Reduction Act to have Federal agencies become more responsible and publicly accountable for reducing the burden of Federal paperwork on the public (H. Rept. 104–43); and

H. Res. 92, providing for the consideration of H.R. 889, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995 (H. Rept. 104–44). Page H1967

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Doolittle to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1909

Recess: House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H1909

George Washington's Birthday Observance: The Speaker appointed Representatives Horn and Richardson to represent the House of Representatives at appropriate ceremonies for the observance of George Washington's birthday to be held on Wednesday, February 22, 1995. Page H1912

Recess: House recessed at 2:21 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m. Page H1912

Committees to Sit: It was made in order that the following committees and subcommittees be permitted to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, Science, and Transportation and Infrastructure. Page H1914

Health Insurance: By a recorded vote of 381 ayes to 44 noes, Roll No. 150, the House passed H.R. 831, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, to repeal the provision permitting nonrecognition of gain on sales and exchanges effectuating policies of the Federal Communications Commission. Pages H1921–53

Rejected the Stark motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment to repeal the maximum time period of mandatory coverage of group health plans (rejected by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 149). Pages H1951–53

Rejected the McDermott amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to provide a tax deduction for health insurance premiums for employees

whose employers do not subsidize their health insurance; narrow the tax preference for sales of radio, television, and cable companies to minority-owned firms; provide a phased-in tax deduction beginning in 1996 for employees whose employers do not subsidize their health care; enact provisions to tax certain assets owned by individuals who renounce their U.S. citizenship; tighten rules for taxing income from foreign trusts; tighten the limitation of the earned income tax credit (EITC) on people with dividend and interest income; and make people with dividend and interest income of \$2,500 a year ineligible for the EITC (rejected by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 148). **Pages H1933-51**

H. Res. 88, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a ye-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 147. Agreed to order the previous question on the resolution by a ye-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 146. **Pages H1912-21**

Committees To Sit: It was made in order that the following committees and subcommittees be permitted to sit on Wednesday, February 22, during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Banking, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Science, Small Business, and Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H1954**

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1968-69.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1909.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1920, H1920-21, H1950-51, H1952-53, and H1953. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Farm Credit Administration. Testimony was heard from Marsha A. Martin, Chairman and CEO, Farm Credit Administration.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Chief of Engineers, and on Corps of Engineers: Ohio River Division and Missouri River Division. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: John H. Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary (Civil Works); Lt. Gen. Arthur E. Williams, USA, Chief; Maj. Gen. Albert J. Genetti, Jr., USA, Division Engineer, Ohio River Division; and Col. Michael F. Thuss, USA, Division Engineer, Missouri River Division, all with the Corps of Engineers.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Energy: Fossil Energy Research and Development, Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Services, Strategic Petroleum Reserves, and on Clean Coal Technology. Testimony was heard from Patricia Fry Godley, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the Customs Service, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and on the Forfeiture Fund. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: George J. Weise, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service; Charles F. Rinkevich, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; and Jan P. Blanton, Acting Director, Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture.

COMMON SENSE PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on H.R. 917, Common Sense Product Liability Reform Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Mink; Jeffery J. Teitz, member, House of Representatives, State of Rhode Island; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Held an oversight hearing on the implementation of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994. Testimony was heard from Steven Kelman, Administrator, Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; and Colleen Preston, Deputy Under Secretary, Acquisition Reform, Department of Defense.